

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to surrendering to law enforcement;  
 3           creating s. 901.155, F.S.; providing definitions;  
 4           requiring a law enforcement agency to implement a  
 5           procedure for interviewing a person who attempts to be  
 6           taken into custody by such agency for a violation of  
 7           criminal law when no warrant for such person's arrest  
 8           has been issued; specifying that such procedure shall  
 9           include certain actions; authorizing a temporary  
 10          detention in certain circumstances; authorizing a  
 11          warrantless arrest in certain circumstances; requiring  
 12          a law enforcement officer to deliver such person or  
 13          have him or her delivered to the nearest receiving  
 14          facility for involuntary examination in certain  
 15          circumstances; providing an effective date.

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 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 19           **Section 1.** This act may be cited as "Vassallo's Law."

20           **Section 2.** **Section 901.155, Florida Statutes, is created**  
 21 **to read:**

22           901.155 Persons who surrender to law enforcement when no  
 23 warrant has been issued.—

24           (1) As used in this section, the term:

25           (a) "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in

26 | s. 943.10(1).

27 | (b) "Office" means the office of a law enforcement agency  
 28 | which is accessible to the public.

29 | (c) "Surrendering person" means a person who enters an  
 30 | office and attempts to be taken into custody by a law  
 31 | enforcement agency for a violation of criminal law when no  
 32 | warrant for such person's arrest has been issued.

33 | (2) A law enforcement agency shall implement a procedure  
 34 | for interviewing a surrendering person. Each law enforcement  
 35 | agency may develop its own procedure, which shall include, but  
 36 | not be limited to, all of the following:

37 | (a) The staff member who greets persons who enter the  
 38 | office shall do all of the following:

39 | 1. Document identification and contact information for the  
 40 | surrendering person.

41 | 2. Notify an on-site law enforcement officer that a  
 42 | surrendering person has come to the office.

43 | 3. Determine whether the law enforcement agency has issued  
 44 | an alert to be on the lookout for a person who meets the  
 45 | description of the surrendering person.

46 | (b) Upon notification that a surrendering person has come  
 47 | to the office, the law enforcement officer shall immediately  
 48 | respond to the place where the surrendering person is located  
 49 | and shall conduct a voluntary interview of such person.

50 | (c) If, while interviewing the surrendering person, the

51 law enforcement officer determines that such person may have  
52 committed a criminal offense in another jurisdiction, the law  
53 enforcement officer shall determine whether the law enforcement  
54 agency in the other jurisdiction has issued an alert to be on  
55 the lookout for a person who meets the description of the  
56 surrendering person.

57 (3) A law enforcement officer who interviews a  
58 surrendering person under this section may:

59 (a) Temporarily detain or arrest such person if the  
60 requirements of s. 901.151 are met.

61 (b) Arrest such person without a warrant if any of the  
62 circumstances in s. 901.15 arise.

63 (4) If a law enforcement officer who interviews a  
64 surrendering person under this section determines that such  
65 person appears to meet the criteria for involuntary examination,  
66 pursuant to s. 394.463, he or she shall deliver the person or  
67 have him or her delivered to the nearest receiving facility for  
68 examination and shall execute a written report detailing the  
69 circumstances under which the person was taken into custody.

70 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.